

CB 21. (Previously Presented) An extruded frame member according to
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 claim ~~25~~, wherein said thickened part has a width that is substantially equal to a
 width of said extended part.

22. (Previously Presented) An extruded frame member according to
 claim 24, wherein said thickened part has a width that is substantially equal to a
 width of said extended part.

23. (Previously Presented) An extruded frame member according to
 claim 24, wherein a side surface, of the extended part, furthest from the thickened
 part, and a side surface of the thickened part, furthest from the extended part,
 extend obliquely.

24. (Currently Amended) An extruded frame member for use in a friction
 stir welding, said extruded frame member including at least one plate, wherein:

said extruded frame member is adapted to be arranged adjacent another
 extruded frame member so as to be abutted to said another extruded frame member
 such that the friction stir welding of said extruded frame member and said another
 extruded frame member can be carried out;

at least one end portion of a width of said at least one plate of said extruded
 frame member is provided respectively with a thickened part which protrudes from a
 side of said at least one plate of said extruded frame member, in a thickness
 direction of said at least one plate of said extruded frame member;